



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

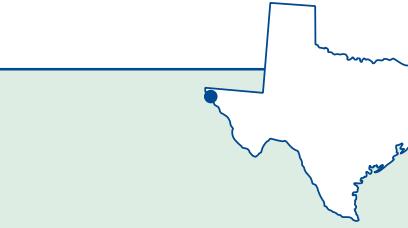
*Ysleta del Sur
Pueblo, TX*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The Ysleta del Sur Pueblo is a federally recognized Indian tribe whose entire population (1,318) lives in El Paso County. The tribal reservation and properties are divided into two areas about five miles apart. In 1999, at least 33 percent of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo community was living at or below the poverty level. According to tribal housing statistics, 45 percent of reservation residents are unemployed and challenged by a lack of affordable housing. Currently, 172 tribal families are on a waiting list for affordable housing. The lack of information on the extent of contamination at known



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to identify priority sites, conduct about ten Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site assessments on tribal reservation properties, and support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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brownfield sites on tribal lands has hindered site cleanup and redevelopment. Brownfields assessment will determine the environmental impacts at these sites, and allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo community to make informed decisions about site reuse. Tribal brownfields reuse plans include constructing much-needed affordable housing, creating community greenspace, and creating job opportunities for tribal members.